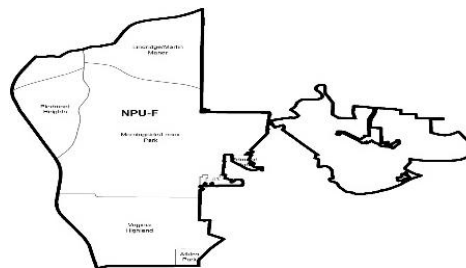


NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT – F

MEETING INFO

Date & Time: Monday, June 17, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Drive Atlanta, GA 30306-3439



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AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Chair received a request to add an alcohol license application to the agenda for Carlyle's at 1919 Piedmont Road. The request is for a clarification of the NPU's condition placed on our approval.

We Also received a request from Sisters by Choice to tell us about their 15th annual 5K at Piedmont Park on July 20th.

NPU-F Action: Motion to add the Sisters by Choice 5K and Carlyle LRB application to the agenda carries on voice vote.

2. Approval of Minutes

The May 2019 minutes were posted on the new NPU-F website. There were no changes or modifications noted.

Motion to approve the May 2019 minutes carries on voice vote.

3. Announcements

[See the Consent Agenda for. Public meetings on a variety of topics in the next couple weeks.](#)

4. Reports from City Departmental Representatives

- **Atlanta Fire Rescue Department – Station 19 North Highland; Station 29 Monroe** Captain Durrah Battalion 3 (housed at Station 15 on 10th Street) spoke to us about the Closed Door Campaign. He recommended that we sleep with our bedroom door closed so that, in the event of a fire, there is a barrier to prevent smoke and fire from entering the room. If there is a fire and occupants need rescue, he advised that we should close doors to buy time until firefighters can reach us.

AFRD hosted an open house at Station 15 (10th street "The Night Train") on June 1st.

The Atlanta Fire Rescue Department again maintained Class 1 ISO rating which is good for our insurance rates. Because of the high regard for AFRD, they are hosting firefighters from other

countries to show them how Atlanta operates. On June 10 members of the Belgian consulate visited for a demonstration and Saudi Arabian firefighters will be here soon to ride along with our people, help with calls and learn.

The next recruit class graduates in November.

Blue lights are being added on new fleet vehicles to help alert people especially on the highway. Sgt. Darrow Harden, who was severely injured when a vehicle struck him as he was exiting a firetruck on the connector, was released from the hospital to the Shepherd Center for rehab. He is now home and continuing rehabilitation.

▪ **Atlanta Police Dept. - Zone 6 - Captain Clay Zone 2 – Sgt. Somers**

Captain Clay (abclay@atlantaga.gov) showed before and after of photos of homeless encampments that have been cleaned up recently. Though larcenies from vehicles in beat 613 are down from the extreme high in April, there were still 14 larcenies in May. In addition, 4 cars were stolen. Of these, two had the keys in the car and it was running.

He also reported that APD has started to enforce scooter violations – especially when they observe someone riding on the sidewalk. Scooters must be ridden in the street the same as any other motorized vehicle or bicycles, and helmets should be worn for safety.

Sgt. Somers and other officers recently received additional training on dealing with pay parking. He discussed the rules for attended parking lots. If someone is charging for parking, they must have a permit, and all staff should be in uniform. There are two categories. Park for Hire refers to paid parking on private property. However, if the vehicle touches public property (for example if you drop your vehicle in a driveway of a restaurant and the attendant drives the vehicle to a lot elsewhere (therefore using public roads) then it is considered valet. He also noted that if the public road is state controlled (such as Ponce de Leon Avenue) then the operator needs a state permit.

• **Fulton County Community Prosecutor - Zone 2 – Nemonie D. Nooks (404-964-5663); Zone 6 - Keith Lamar Jr; Court Watch Coordinator – Kristal Lunsford**

ADA Nooks reported on the case of Jonathan Peters, a Zone 6 burglary suspect who plead guilty and was sentenced to 15 years (ten to be served in prison and five on probation. You can find more information about this case on this [Nextdoor Post](#). She also extended an invitation for anyone who would like to come to the courthouse and observe proceedings. Just contact her, ADA Lamar or the CourtWatch Coordinator.

• **Bureau of Housing and Code Compliance – Officer Edwards sledwards@atlantaga.gov cell 404-326-6573**

2029 Cheshire Bridge – case is to be heard tomorrow (June 18) as civil service process case. A fence is being erected and it appears that the property owner is making an effort.

234 Lenox Road – this property is not in compliance. The owner has not cleaned up or fenced the property.

2358 Armand – This property has been added to civil service process.

Officer Edwards reports that they are trying to get a hold on LLCs (absentee landlords especially).

- **Public Works Code Enforcement – Office McKoy (404-276-1187)**

Residents are reminded that the new rules regarding bulk pickup begin July 1st. Each household is permitted 12 free bulk pickups per year, but we must call 311 to request the pickup before placing items at the curb. Those who leave items at the curb without calling ahead will be cited starting July 1st, 2019. The fine will be \$325.

One resident asked about a mess at the corner of Lindberg and Cheshire Bridge. This is on the north west corner at the bench near the BP Station.

- **Atlanta Citizen’s Review Board (ACRB) Charles Curry**

The ACRB investigates and mediates complaints against Atlanta Police Department officers. If we have questions, we can speak with NPU-F Safety Chair, Jim Hardy who serves on the ACRB.

5. Comments from Elected Officials – None present

6. Presentation(s)

- [Atlanta Counts – Census 2020 – Angela Brown – No Show](#)

- [Partnership for Southern Equity - Tsedey Betru](#)

Ms. Betru describes the organization as a regional racial equity organization. From their website: Since 2008, the **Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE)**, an Atlanta-based nonprofit, has been advancing the cause of **equity** through an ecosystem-based model for multi-demographic engagement in the City of Atlanta and the surrounding metropolitan region.

On June 20-21 they will host the Just Opportunity Summit at Morehouse. Registration is \$30.

7. Planner’s Report – Doug Young – No Report

8. Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Kevin McBride, President; Rich Sussman, NPU Rep – No Report

- Morningside-Lenox Park Association – Ben Nemo, President, John Ayers, Zoning & NPU Rep - No report

- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Jim Hardy, President; Jean Johnson and Tim Berube, NPU Reps – No Report

- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –David Brandenberger, President; Barry Loudis and Kay Stephenson, NPU Reps – No Report

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Lynn DeWitt, NPU Rep No report

- Edmund Park – Carole Wales, President, Pete Densmore, Neighborhood Rep; Sally Montgomery, Zoning – No report
- Emory/CDC Area/Druid Hills – Emory is hosting a quarterly community meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 on June 27th Agenda items will include an update on the Campus Master Plan, Multi-Use bike/pedestrian trails around campus and an update on CDC plans from Josh Bornstein, Director of the CDC's Office of Safety, Security and Asset Management.
- Parks, Trees, and Environment – Rich Sussman/Jack White

The Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) is still under review and will be the subject of a Atlanta City Council Committee on Development and Human Resource (CDHR) work session. Originally scheduled for June 19th, this session has been rescheduled for Thursday August 22nd at 10:00 am in conference room 1 of City Hall. The comment period for citizens to provide input will be open through July and comments can be submitted to urbanecology@pegatlanta.com or Elizabeth 404-546-1990. A copy of Trees Atlanta's response to the draft outline can be found [here](#). Note: CDHR Work Session has been moved to early August.

- Public Safety Committee – Jim Hardy No report
- Education Committee (vacant)

Chair report:

- **Fete du Rose cancelled** – last month we were notified that this event had been re-scheduled from its original date in May. It has now been cancelled.
- **Atlanta Moon Ride postponed**– appeared before the NPU last month. They have moved their date to June 21st due to inclement weather. AMR has updated their street signs.
- **Atlanta Blaze Block party** in Piedmont Park – received notification that an application had been filed by the Mayor's Office of Film and Entertainment to hold 5 pre-game tailgate parties at Piedmont Park, on June 2, 8, 21, July 7 and August 3rd, with a projected attendance of 200. The Atlanta Blaze will be playing their home games at Grady High School. The application was filed on May 23rd missing the deadline by 2 ½ months. Debbie attended a meeting of the Midtown Neighborhood Association's LPC (License and Permits Committee) to learn more. MNA is in NPU-E and the 1st date was before the NPU would meet. MNA asked that they not hold the first event. Most of the discussion was around the timing of the application leaving several questions regarding the event itself– including the set-up appearing to be for more than 200 people. NPU-F has not received a copy of the application and has not been asked for a recommendation at this time.
- **The Man Cave LRB application** has still not been scheduled for a License Review Board meeting. Will keep you informed if/when it is scheduled. LRB hearings are held every other Tuesday at City Hall at 5 pm. We haven't been able to get any info from the applicant or the City on the status. Some activity has been observed at the location and neighbors have been asked to keep an eye out.
- **Emory University Parking Overlay Legislation** – Emory University has asked that the City work with them on a plan to reduce their parking requirements anticipating future construction projects and their shared parking facilities. The original recommendation was a special exception parking reduction which would reduce their parking requirements to 0 – not Emory's intent – so that was scrapped and legislation to create a parking overlay has been drafted, The principles of the legislation are that there are no parking minimums (consistent with the QOL zoning districts), available parking is shared and is used on a 24/7 basis for classrooms, hospitals and staff, Emory has a robust alternative transportation

policy, as will be recorded in their master plan and includes bike lanes and bus shuttle system. Adraft has been distributed to members of the Zoning Committee and to the Druid Hills, Mason Mills and Victoria Estates neighborhoods as a heads up. Note that legislation is still in draft form, but we should receive a finalized version before our July meeting when it will appear on our agenda and a vote will be taken.

- **APAB meeting** – June 15th – 3 presentations were given at this month’s APAB meeting:
 - Beltline TADAC 2018 Annual Report which summarized the work of the TADAC. A new chair (one of the APAB representatives) is anxious to improve the community involvement and attendance at TADAC meetings.
 - MARTA announced a Transit Station renaming project and asked APAB for input on how the names should be selected (by geography, historical references, or by selling naming rights to corporate sponsors). Stations to be renamed include Ashby Street and Bankhead MARTA stations (names of street has changed), Civic Center Station (Civic Center has closed), Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena/CNN Center Transit Station (Phillips Arena has been renamed) and Lakewood-Fort McPherson Station (Fort McPherson is closed.)
 - Leah LaRue gave a presentation on the recently moved NPU team to the Office of the Commissioner from the Office of Zoning and Development. She explained that one of the driving reasons was that the NPUs receive information from 4 city offices, not just OZD, and the other applications had not been less of a priority. Leah also distributed a letter from her office notifying NPUs that they could no longer REQUIRE an applicant for an LRB application or special events application to attend any other meeting (like a neighborhood meeting or committee meeting). This raised concerns from several NPUs who, like NPU-F, send their applications to their neighborhoods for review and recommendation. APAB is establishing a sub-committee to review the legislative requirements for NPU reviews and make recommendations on what changes will need to be made to ensure that neighborhoods and NPUs have an opportunity to review applications and negotiate changes with applicants.

9. Matters for Voting

Consent Agenda

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Application	Address	Request	Neighborhood Recommendation
V-19-117	1101 Rosedale Drive NE	Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 31.7 feet and 2) reduce the required half-depth front yard from 17.5 to 7.6 feet for the construction of a second story addition to an existing single-family home.	VHCA: Approve

Special Events Applications

Event	Date	Event Type	Recommendation
ATL Greenhouse Darryl Terry	July 13, 2019	Piedmont Park Class E/500 participants	Support

Joining Hearts 32 Jerry Henderson	July 20, 2019	Piedmont Park Promenade Class E/1,000 Participants	Support
MS Mindshift Eric Fleming	July 23, 2019	Piedmont Park Class E/2,000 participants	Event has been cancelled
Moving Day Atlanta (benefitting Parkinson's Disease) Celeste Tennant	October 19, 2019	Piedmont Park Class E/750 participants	Support Will attend next month's meeting

- **NPU Action:** Motion to approve the consent agenda, after removing Moving Day special event, carries on voice vote.

Special Event Application(s) – MOSE

9th Annual Atlanta Ice Cream Festival Kevin James	Piedmont Park Class B/25,000 participants	July 27, 2019
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Comments: Loading will be from Park Drive; all trucks will enter and leave via Park Drive. There will be no staging on street. There will be no scooters allowed inside the festival area and officer at all access points to enforce this and other security issues. Many local ice cream vendors such as Jakes along with Ben & Jerry's (new this year). Hours are from 11 – 6 pm.

NPU-F Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Atlanta Reggae in the Park Herman Mannings III	Piedmont Park Oak Hill Class D/9,500 participants	August 10-11, 2019
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Comments: Sixth year for this festival. Previously held in Perkerson Park. Free and family friendly. Zero occurrences of violence. Fundraiser for Hand over Fist which gives scholarships to students.

NPU-F Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Festival Peachtree Latino 2019 Rafael Ortega	Piedmont Park Class C/19,000 participants	August 25, 2019
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Comments: 20th year. Event started 20 years ago in Stone Mountain. Parking at Grady; require food vendors to be there on Saturday to set up. Close the gates so no one can get into the park (vehicles) on Sunday. Offer food, entertainment (music), and games for children. 10th street will be closed because people are parking at Grady and children are crossing. This closing was requested by APD. It is the NPU's preference not to close 10th street. Between 15,000 and 25,000 attendees. People come from out of state (i.e. food vendors from NYC and Miami). More information at festivallatinoatl.com.

NPU-F Action: Motion to support carries on voice vote.

Moving Day Atlanta Celeste Tennant	Piedmont Park Class E/750 participants	October 19, 2019
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Comments: Will not attend tonight's meeting but will be at a future meeting.

NPU-F Action: Motion to defer carries on voice vote.

Sisters by Choice 5K Celeste Tennant	Piedmont Park (Assembly)	July 20, 2019
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Comments: 15th year celebrating against breast cancer – funds go to mobile unit for those who have no insurance or are under insured. Registration starts at 7:00 am and they will be all finished and cleaned up by 1:00 PM. The Atlanta Hawks cheerleaders will be at the festival. Parking will be available at Grady High School with a donation to PTSA. The mobile breast clinic will be on site. This vehicle provides full-service mammography, ultrasound, treatment and referrals. This is one of the first such mobile clinics in Georgia. They currently service metro Atlanta but hope to grow into rural areas as well.

NPU Action: none needed for an assembly.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Application(s) – BZA

V-19-117 1101 Rosedale Drive NE

On Consent agenda – 2nd story

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 35 feet to 31.7 feet and 2) reduce the required half-depth front yard from 17.5 to 7.6 feet for the construction of a second story addition to an existing single-family home.

VHCA Report: Owner/applicants Jessica and Preston Smith are requesting a variance to 1) reduce the front-yard setback from 35 feet to 31.7 feet (existing) and 2) reduce the half-depth side-yard setback from 17.5 feet to 7.6 feet (existing). This variance will allow for the construction of a second-story addition to the home. Lot coverage is already over the allowed amount at 54.78%. The application does not include an increase to the lot coverage and the applicant/homeowner has expressed interest in reducing impervious lot coverage even further as the project continues. No tree impacts were reported. All adjoining property owners were notified of the application. Virginia-Highland Board of Directors and Planning Committee voted unanimously to support this application.

NPU-F Action: Approved via consent agenda.

V-19-122 1159 Cumberland Road NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning regulation to 1) reduce the required east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet and 2) reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 12 feet for the construction of an accessory structure.

MLPA Report: Approved

NPU-F Action: Motion to recommend approval carries on voice vote.

Liquor License Application(s) – LRB

Name of Business	Type of Business	Applicant	Property Address	Request
Carlyle's	Convention Center		1919 Piedmont Avenue	New Business

Comments: We previously approved the alcohol license application with a condition that the applicant demonstrate that there are sufficient off-site parking spaces. Also, the NPU supported a special exception to reduce the number of onsite parking from 159 spaces to 51 spaces and to allow 60 offsite spaces. This will be an event space (weddings, etc.)

NPU-Action: Motion to support application noting that the applicant has met the special exception requirements V-18-260 carries on voice vote.

10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.